Claims

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- 1. A portable gardening station comprising:
- a) a bed for containing a growing medium, said bed having a base comprising a shoulder, a trough, and a raised center portion, said trough being lower than said shoulder and said raised center portion, wherein said trough is sloped relative to said shoulder and said trough having a low point toward which water drains, wherein a drain hole is located at said low point, and wherein an underside of said bed comprises structural ribs;
 - b) a perforated growing medium baseplate supported by said shoulder and said raised center portion of said base, said perforated growing medium baseplate operative to support said growing medium and to allow water to drain from said growing medium through said baseplate and into said trough; and
 - c) a structural assembly for supporting said bed;

wherein said structural ribs provide said base with sufficient rigidity such that said base does not deflect significantly under the weight of said baseplate and growing medium.

- 2. A portable gardening station according to claim 1, wherein said structural assembly comprises a plurality of telescopically adjustable legs.
- 3. A portable gardening station according to claim 1, further comprising a support assembly coupled to said structural assembly, said support assembly operative to support lights, misters or other gardening accessories above said bed.

- 4. A portable gardening station according to claim 3, wherein said support assembly is telescopically adjustable.
- 5 5. A portable gardening station according to claim 1, wherein a portion of said trough opposite said drain hole is a highest portion of said trough.
- 6. A portable gardening station according to claim 1, wherein when said structural assembly can be disassembled into components which fit inside said bed.
- 7. A portable gardening station according to claim 1, wherein said structural assembly comprises legs which fold against an underside of said bed.
- 8. A portable gardening station according to claim 1, wherein said shoulder comprises a horizontal portion extending from a wall of said bed to a vertical portion of said trough, wherein said wall, shoulder and vertical portion in combination rigidify a perimeter of said bed.